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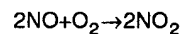
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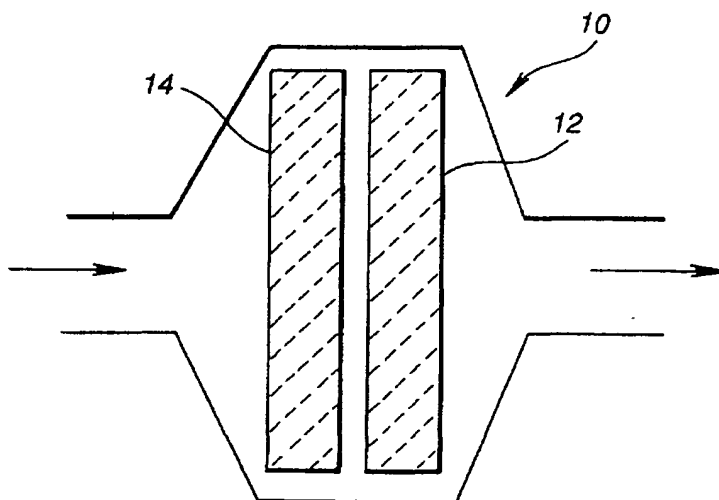
(54) **Device for purifying oxygen rich exhaust gas**

(57) This device (catalytic converter) includes a NO<sub>x</sub>-adsorbing-and-reducing catalyst that is capable of adsorbing a NO<sub>x</sub> and accelerating a reduction of the adsorbed NO<sub>x</sub> into N<sub>2</sub>, within a NO<sub>2</sub>-forming temperature range where a reaction represented by the following formula proceeds,



wherein, within the NO<sub>2</sub>-forming temperature range, the concentration of hydrocarbons and/or carbon monoxide of the exhaust gas is varied at an inlet of the NO<sub>x</sub>-adsorbing-and-reducing catalyst, such that the adsorbed NO<sub>x</sub> is selectively reduced by the hydrocarbons and/or carbon monoxide into N<sub>2</sub>.

**FIG.1**



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